



Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025, 3:00 PM, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM A

Call to order: 3:03pm

Land acknowledgment statement; Anti-racism statement.

Land Acknowledgment

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples.

Anri-racism Statement

The Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) stands against racism of all forms. See our website for full Land Acknowledgement and Anti-racism statements.

Member introductions:

Rick Asai, Chair (board member)
Tom Henning, Vice-chair (board member)
Kolleen Mitchell(online)
Ted Wang
Judy White
Debbie Davolio
Review our charter

Adopt the agenda. (any additions to the agenda-yes,

Tom Fields, guest present in person
Guests: Karr Latham, WA State
Target Zero, present onli

Welcome to returning members Debbie Davolio, Kolleen Mitchell, Ted Wang, Judy White

Identify goals and responsibilities as in our charter. No questions.

Programs completed or discussed last year:

Judy White presented on the Firewise presentation done last year. A nice video online from last year. After some discussion a motion was adopted for Judy to bring back plans for another Firewise event in May 2025. Some aspects will include: contacting Robert for a similar presentation as last year; a presentation/display on go-bags; more hands on activities; reach out to Chief Mitch Nolls for presentation; request better AV equipment for recording to post on uTube of the presentation. Check on available dates in May.

Other ideas for later incorporation: e-blast video link on how to make a go-bag or other how to topics on safety.

Ted Wang-Water safety; Ted is a water sport teacher and has concerns about life preserver/flotation devices/life jackets being worn consistently and readily available at the beaches. He reports that DNR has a program to donate personal flotation devices for communities such as ours to make available on a self-serve rack. The idea that these life jackets would be available to borrow on a life jacket loaner program—with structure to display/dispense. He will bring back more information on how many jackets would be recommended for our size beach and the design or designs for a wooden rack that we can display for the public to borrow. Initial plans will focus on Marina beach, with consideration of AM and PM beaches later. One question is how to publicize both at the beach and in the SV View; perhaps we coordinate with AIS table?
Ted will bring back a proposal after doing some research.

Kolleen Mitchell-School bus safety. Kolleen has talked with- Karr Lanham-(Target Zero) and Cindy Dennis, Bellingham Public Schools Transportation; Cindy Dennis has identified three most heavily used and at risk bus stops in Sudden Valley. Those bus stops are: gate 9 polo park; gate 5, gate 1; risk is trouble seeing bus stops: need increased visibility—overhead lighting, timer beacons/flashing lights; traffic signs.
Target Zero has three prongs for compliance: enforcement, education, engineering. Is there any role for security staff?

Committee consensus is to ask Kolleen to gather information about cost of signs, lights, beacons and the like with specifications of power source needed, posts and installation costs. She is to report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Tom Fields-Emergency preparedness planning; will send digital copy of previous plan to committee c/o Rick; consider a safety fair in addition to Firewise; go-bags; evacuation plan; earthquake prep; tree management; 1610 radio covers 85% of SV; equip-owned by ham radio club; license by fire station(a Gov't entity); radio, repeater, transmitter all in fire station after remodel, which may not be complete until mid to late 2026. Is there a place to install 1610 radio until the fire station is built out as an interim solution? Tom's recommendations are:

1. make safety committee a standing committee-this requires a bylaws change
2. How to source information to be shared on 1610 for emergencies. Will require LMR400 cable, backup power source. Who will share messages with 1610 station?
3. Emphasis on emergency preparedness and evacuation plan-perhaps signage to exits;
4. CERT-neighborhood preparedness plans

Tom also referenced equipment purchased in past and wonders if an inventory of existing equipment in storage somewhere might be helpful. Need to do an inventory of supplies. (a generator, displacement sheltering supplies, other

additional topics to consider:

- A. evacuation routes including alternate escape routes in gates where there is only one entrance/exit.
- B. articles for the View
- C. grant from DNR for projects-maybe chipping cleanup or hazardous tree removal

Next meeting: discussion for in person vs zoom and time of day and day of week. It was decided to try the third Thursday at 2:00-3:30pm. Will check on availability of Multipurpose room A.

Adjourn 4:54